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1. POLITICAL VIOLENCE HAS INCREASED IN PAST FEW DAYS, AT LEAST
IN PART DUE TO LEFTIST COMMEMORATION OF "MARTYRDOM" ON MARCH
30, 1972 OF TURKISH PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (TPLA) LEADER
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MAYIR CAYAN WHICH HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY SERIES OF BOMBINGS.
WHILE MOST OF VIOLENCE REPORTED IN PRESS CONTINUES TO BE ASSO-
CIATED WITH STUDENT GROUPS, MARCH 30 PRESS ALSO CARRIED REPORTS
OF A BOMBING OF A BANK IN ANKARA AND BOMBINGS OF TWO CARS,
TWO BANKS, AND A NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY OFFICE IN IZMIR.
IN IZMIR, IN PARTICULAR, THERE HAS BEEN RECENT SHARP
INCREASE IN POLITICAL VIOLENCE, INCLUDING SHOOTING INCIDENT AT

CONGEN'S RESIDENCE NIGHT OF MARCH 29 (IZMIR 88, NOTAL)
AND CONTINUED ACTS OF VANDALISM AND OTHER MINOR UNPLEASANT
INCIDENTS DIRECTED AGAINST AMERICANS. (FORTUNATELY, THESE
IZMIR INCIDENTS HAVE NOT THUS FAR ENTAILED AMERICAN BLOODSHED
OR LOSS OF LIFE.) MOREOVER, WITH REFERENCE TO IZMIR,
RIGHTIST DAILY "BAYRAK" IN FRONTPAGE ARTICLE MARCH 30
CLAIMED THAT IZMIR HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A "PILOT REGION"
BY COMMUNISTS FOR BOTH ANIT-ESTABLISHMENT AND ANTI-RIGHT
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND VIOLENCE. ISTANBUL HAS ASLO EX-
PERIENCED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TERRORIST INCIDENTS AND
STUDENT VIOLENCE; FOR DETAILS, PLEASE SEE ISTANBUL 1076
(NOTAL).

2. ANKARA SECURITY AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM MISSION HAS BEEN
IN TOUCH DO NOT REPEAT NO APPEAR TO BE EXTRAORDINARILY
CONCERNED OVER RECENT RASH OF INCIDENTS, BUT SEEM TO VIEW
THIS UPSURGE IN ACTIVITY AS A CONTINUATION OF STUDENT AND
LEFTIST-RIGHTIST POLITICAL VIOLENCE LEAVENED BY THE ANNUAL
CELEBRATION OF CAYAN'S "MARTYRDOM". ADDITIONALLY, THEY TELL US THERE
IS NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE THAT U.S. CITIZENS OR PROPERTY ARE
HIGHT PRIORITY TARGETS, ALTHOUGH IN IZMIR INDIVIDUAL INCIDENTS,
TURKISH-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION BOMBING AND NOW ATTACK
ON CONGEN'S RESIDENCE HAVE FORMED PART OF IZMIR-WIDE
PATTERN OF VIOLENCE. THERE WAS ALSO A ROCK-THROWING INCIDENT
THIS MORNING (MARCH 30) AT OUR USIS OFFICES IN DOWNTOWN ANKARA
WHEN A NUMBER OUT OF A CROWD OF ABOUT 150 YOUTHS STONED OUR
BUILDING AND BROKE SEVERAL WINDOWS. THE YOUTHS, WHO WERE
SHOUTING "ANTI-OLIGARCY" SLOGANS, WERE OF HIGH SCHOOL-COLLEGE
AGE.

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3. DESPITE THE INCREASED TEMPO OF RECENT INCIDENTS, WE HAVE
NOT RPT NOT YET PERCEIVED ANY INCREASED DISPOSITION OF THE
TURKISH MILITARY TO TAKE A DIRECT HAND IN EITHER QUELLING THE CIVILIAN

VIOLENCE OR INTERVENING IN THE GOVERNMENT. THE GENERAL EXPECTATION
IS THAT BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN ELECTIONS ARE HELD THIS INTERVENTION
IS UNLIKELY UNLESS PUBLIC LAW AND ORDER DEGENERATE
SOMEWHAT MORE DRASTICALLY THAN THEY HAVE TO DATE. WHILE "READING"
THE MILITARY MIND ON THIS SUBJECT IS NEVER EASY, WE TEND TO AGREE
WITH THIS ASSESSMENT.

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